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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I waited until I received the reprints of my recent article, "Staining Bacterial Polysaccharides", before answering your card. As far as I know Alcian Blue is not available in this country. I obtained a sample from Imperial Chemicals in England. At the time I obtained the dye, they made no mention as to the possible availability of the dye in this country. If the dye is proven satisfactory, I feel sure that it will become available. The easiest way to obtain working samples of the dye would be to write directly to Imperial Chemicals.

I hope that you are able to obtain a sample of Alcian Blue for your work and find it satisfactory. I would be most interested in your results.

Sincerely yours,


Ross E. McKinney
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Enclosure